**Deficit financing**

3589. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of deficit financing provided for in the budgets of different States and Union Territory Administrations for the year 1989-90;

(b) how far the Government's advice to minimise the deficit financing has been responded to by the State Government; and

(c) what are the details of the deficit provided for in the budgets by different States and Union Territories for the year 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the States and Union Territories, and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Projects from Maharashtra pending clearance**

3590. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the projects from Maharashtra pending clearance from environment angle;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay in their clearance, project-wise; and

(c) by when these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Fifteen development projects from Maharashtra are awaiting environmental clearance as on Ist March, 1989. A statement giving names of these projects and reasons for pendency is enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) Decision on environmental clearance is taken by the Ministry within a maximum period of three months after receipt of complete environmental data and Action Plans. No date can be fixed for decision without getting the requisite details.

**Statement**

*Pending Development Projects from Maharashtra as on 1st March, 1989*

| Sl. No. | Name of the Project | Reasons for Pendency |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| A. | *Thermal Power Projects* | |
| 1. | Dahanu Thermal Power Station (500 MW) | Impact on Chikoo and other horticulture crops under study. |
| 2. | Umred Thermal Power Station (2×210 MW) | Clarifications and additional details sought are awaited. |
| 3. | Chandrapur Thermal Power Station (4×500 MW) NTPC. | Detailed Impact Statement needed covering Impact of weir construction, Rehabilitation Plan, Concurrence of Civil Aviation authorities to the proposed stack height. |
| 4. | Chandrapura Thermal Power Station (Ext.) (2×500 MW) MSEB. | Environmental Impact Statement awaited. |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| | **B. Mining Projects** | |
| 5. | Hindustan Lalpeth Opencast Project, Western Coalfields Ltd. | Revised Environmental Management Plan is awaited. |
| 6. | Durgapur Opencast Project, Western Coalfields Ltd. | Proposal for diversion of forest land is awaited. |
| 7. | Sasti Opencast Project, Western Coalfields Ltd. | Under Process. |
| 8. | Ukni Opencast Project, Western Coalfields Ltd. | Under consideration. |
| | **C. Industrial Projects** | |
| 9. | Additional Supply Base at Agandanda by ONGC. | Comprehensive Environmental Management Plan awaited. |
| 10 | Bombay-Manmad Pipeline by BPCL | Do. |
| 11. | Modernisation of India Govt. Mint, Bombay. | Approval from State Government awaited. |
| 12. | Development of R7, R9 ad R13 structure | Project under process. |
| | **D. Nuclear Projects** | |
| 13. | Tarapur Plant (Extn.) | Rehabilitation Plan awaited. |
| | **E. Ports and Harbours** | |
| 14. | Construction of new berths at pir Raw Bombay Port for Handling specialised grade of POL and bulk liquid chemicals, by Bombay Port Trust. | Project under process. |
| 15. | Development of Container handling facilities at Bombay Port by Bombay Port Trust. | Do. |

**Forest area in Tamil Nadu**

3591. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the forest area in Tamil Nadu as indicated by latest satellite survey;

(b) how it compares with the rest of the country;

(c) whether there is any plan of aerial seeding in the Western Ghats of Tamil Nadu to encourage afforestation; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to improve the environment and forest cover in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) According to studies conducted by the Forest Survey of India using satellite imagery, the extent of forest cover in Tamil Nadu for the period 1981—83 was 18,380 sq km. which is 14.13 per cent of the total geographical area of the State. The percentage of forest cover to the total geographical area of he country for the same period is 19.52.

(c) A proposal to cover 2,500 hectares of Western Ghats area of Tamil Nadu is under consideration of the Central Government.

(d) Besides social forestry afforestation schemes, a social forestry project with the assistance of the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) is being